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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SOVIET UNION OF IRANIAN ECONOMIC MINISTER
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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. ON ANSARI VISIT, IRANIAN COUNSELOR MADJIDI AHI CLAIMS NO NEW AGREEMENTS ARE BEING DISCUSSED, AND SEES SOVIETS COMMITTED TO CONTINUATION OF GOOD ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO RECENT POLITICAL SPLEEN. ANSARI NOW IN TASHKENT, WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW.
END SUMMARY.

2. ASKED SEPT 15 BY ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR HOW VISIT WAS GOING, AHI SAID IT IS A PURE RETURN VISIT, AND IS GOING WELL. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IS IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS, AND WORKING OUT DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE APPEARED, MAINLY WITH DELIVERY DEADLINES. SOVIETS HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN MAKING THESE AGREEMENTS WORK, REGARDLESS OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN POLITICAL RELATIONS, AND SEEM SERIOUS.

DISCUSSION IS MAINLY AT "TECHNICAL" LEVEL, AND, HE
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STRESSED, NO NEW AGREEMENTS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION.

3. ASKED WHETHER DELEGATION HAD HEARD ABOUT SOVIET
DISPLEASURE AT ARMS PURCHASES FROM U.S., AHI
SAID IT HAD NOT. INDEED, IRANIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS ALSO
NO BEEN APPROACHED ON THIS TOPIC, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE OF
COURSE READ THE HOSTILE ARTICLES IN SOVIET PRESS; IF IT
HAS BEEN RAISED BY SOVIETS, IT HAS BEEN RAISED IN TEHRAN.
OF COURSE, HE ADDED WITH A SMILE, NEITHER HAD SOVIETS
RAISED THE MATTER OF TOUGH ARTICLES ON THE SOVIET UNION,
DRAWN FROM CHINESE SOURCES, BEING PRINTED IN IRANIAN PRESS.

4. ANSARI IS NOW IN TASHKENT, AHI SAID, BUT WILL BE
RETURNING TO MOSCOW.

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